

HALTON HILLS CHAPTER OF THE TORONTO BRUCE TRAIL CLUB

Newsletter #30 ~ January 7, 2018 to March 25, 2018



SAVE THIS DATE:

Saturday, April 14th – ANNUAL PANCAKE HIKE – A SWEET TASTE OF SPRING! Family hike through the Limehouse Conservation Area. Afterwards (optional) enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast put on by the Limehouse Memorial Hall Committee, at the Limehouse Memorial Hall. More details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Winter is here and we have a couple of suggestions to make your hike more comfortable. Dress in layers to maintain a comfortable body temperature during the hike. Bring a hot beverage to sip on for your lunch and/or snack breaks. Consider purchasing yaktrax or icers to put on your boots to make hiking safer during winter months. There are various types and brands available.

HIKE GUIDELINES:

PACE: • **LEISURELY:** 3 km/hr or less • **MEDIUM:** 3 to 4 km/hr • **BRISK:** 4 to 5 km/hr • **FAST PACE:** 5+km/hr

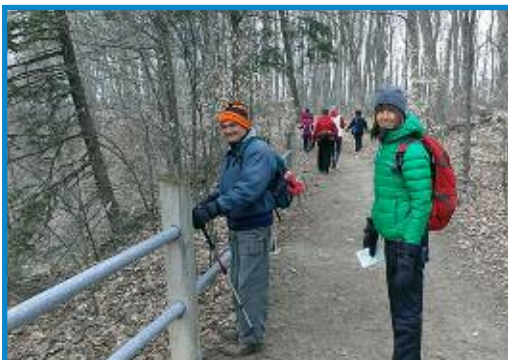
TERRAIN: • **EASY:** mostly flat and usually good footing • **MODERATE:** some hills and/or some poor footing • **STRENUOUS:** Hilly with steep climbs and some poor footing.

PLEASE NOTE: Unless stated otherwise in the HIKING SCHEDULE ~ we'll meet at the south/east corner of the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot (south of the Medical Building, east of Walmart). Please dress according to the weather, sturdy boots are a necessity and don't forget a snack and lots of water.

Hikes may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the hike leader due to winter weather and driving conditions. Please remember that ALL our hike leaders are volunteers.



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Sunday, January 7

CREDIT VALLEY FOOTPATH (Map 13)

Moderate pace, moderate terrain, approx. 9 km depending on weather conditions. Carpool from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot, departure 10:00 a.m. Hike through the floodplain of the Credit River past massive willow trees. Some steep areas. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring icers / yaktrax, a warm drink and a snack.
Hike Leader: Angelika Sommer 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Sunday, January 14

CANADA GOOSE SIDE TRAIL, MAIN BRUCE TRAIL, BLACK CREEK SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate terrain, 11.5 km. hike. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place at Georgetown Market Place parking lot **or** meet at start of hike at 10:20 a.m. on the Fourth Line across from the scrapyard. The trail may be icy, so wear appropriate footwear and bring your icers, water and lunch/snacks.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg trigg2@cogeco.ca

The Halton Hills Chapter is an affiliate of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club.

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Sunday, January 21

FAMILY HIKE / BEGINNER HIKE – SCOTSDALE FARM (Map 13)

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approximately 5 km. Depart 1:00 p.m. from the Scotsdale Farm Parking Lot on Trafalgar Road North. Are you new to hiking? Do you have a New Year's Resolution to get more active? Want to introduce your children, grandchildren or other young family members to the fun of hiking? This is a good beginner's hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Join me as we explore the Bruce Trail through Scotsdale Farm and learn about hiking. Children must be accompanied by an adult on the hike. Please dress for the weather – hats, mittens and appropriate winter footwear. Please bring water/snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Sunday, January 28

HILTON FALLS WINTER PICNIC HIKE (Map 11, 29th ed)

Medium pace, easy terrain. Approximately 8.0 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will park in the small lot (carpooling recommended) at km 7.3 off Sixth Line. We'll stop for lunch at the fire pit next to the falls. Bring some food and/or drinks to share. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

Sunday, February 4

OLD MAPLE RIDGE LIMEHOUSE

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approximately 6 km. We will hike to see the new property purchased by the BTC to secure the Bruce Trail. Loop back via the new Ridge Side Trail and Meadowlands Side Trail. Bring lunch, snacks, water, warm clothing and footwear for snow conditions. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Georgetown meeting place **or** at 10:20 a.m. at the Limehouse school parking lot

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294

Sunday, February 11

SILVER CREEK

Moderate pace, moderate terrain, approximately 8 km, depending on weather conditions. Departure 10:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will hike along the Escarpment through mature woods and along the steep wall of the Silver Creek Valley. Bring lunch, snacks, a warm drink and wear appropriate clothing/boots/icers for snow or ice conditions.

Hike Leader: Angelika Sommer 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

Sunday, February 18

HUNGRY HOLLOW TRAILS

Leisurely to medium pace, moderate terrain with some steep slopes in places. 5.4 km. hike. Departure 10:00 a.m. from the usual Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. This is a family friendly hike, so bring the kids, but please leave your dog at home. Wear appropriate hiking boots and bring water and snacks. Trails may be icy, so bring your icers if you have them as well.

Hike Leader: Teresa Rigg trigg2@cogeco.ca

Sunday, February 25

RAIL TRAIL AT CALEDON EAST

Medium pace, easy terrain. Depending on the weather, maximum 8.0 km. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We'll Park at the Caledon Community Complex in Caledon East (on Old Church Road) and walk along the Rail Trail (direction depends on wind). We will warm up after at the bistro, located conveniently next to the trail. Please dress for the weather, hiking boots are required, bring adequate water/snacks. Icers are recommended for icy conditions.

Hike Leader: Sara Maedel 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

Sunday, March 4

FAMILY/BEGINNER HIKE – North of Limehouse to 6th Line (Map 12) TODD BARDES MEADOWLAND SIDE TRAIL

Leisurely pace, easy terrain, approximately 5 km. We'll depart from the Limehouse Public School Parking Lot at 1:00 p.m. This is a good beginner's hike or for those who enjoy a slower paced and shorter hike. Everyone is welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress for the weather – hats/mitts and appropriate winter footwear. Please bring water/snack.

Hike Leader: Janet Le Lievre 519-853-1285 haltonhillshiking@gmail.com

Sunday, March 11

SPEYSIDE TO VANDERLECK (Map 12, 29th ed.)

Medium pace, moderate terrain, some poor footing. Approximately 8.0 km. Short-cuts are an option.

Depart 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. We will Park at km 12.1 on 15 Sideroad (just east of Hwy 25) and hike north along rocky ridges and through open woodlands and a re-naturalized field. Drop-out points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch. Ice cleats (icers) are recommended for icy conditions.

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Sunday March 18

SNOW CREEK and SILVER CREEK

Leisurely to medium pace, moderate terrain, approximately 6 – 8 km. Loop hike from Snow Creek to Silver Creek on the Bruce Trail and Side Trails. Bring lunch, snacks, water, warm clothing and footwear for snow/icy conditions. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Georgetown meeting place or 10:20 a.m. at 8th line and 27th Side Road, Bruce Trail Map #13.

Hike Leader: Paul Vanhanen 905-877-1294

Sunday, March 25

DUFF PITT SIDE TRAIL

Medium pace, moderate terrain, approximately 8 km from Scotsdale to Duff Pitt. Depart at 10:00 a.m. from the usual meeting place in the Georgetown Marketplace parking lot. The Side Trail leads along a ridge by the remains of a gravel quarry and through the mature woods of the old town reservoir lands. Bring lunch/snack/water and dress appropriately.

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